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Good morning Chairwoman Brown, Ranking Member Shuster, and Members of the Subcommittee.

My name is Douglas Buttrey. I have had the privilege to serve as a Member of the Surface Transportation Board since May 28, 2004.

I appreciate the opportunity to appear before the Subcommittee today as you conduct this hearing on investment in the rail industry. The Board's Chairman, Charles Nottingham, has submitted testimony which discusses the issues that are the subject of this hearing. The Chairman's testimony covers everything that I would have said. Rather than duplicating coverage of the same topics, I will instead associate myself with and endorse the Chairman's formal, filed testimony.

I stand ready to respond to any questions the Subcommittee may wish to address to me.